# *Counterinsurgency Education & Training; Achieving Balance*

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# Background (U)

- **(U) COMISAF/USFOR-A "Counterinsurgency (COIN) Training Guidance" dtd 10 Nov 2009**
- **(U) SECDEF memo 24 May 2010 "Implementing COIN Training Guidance to Support Execution of the President's Af-Pak Strategy"**
- **(U) COMISAF/USFOR-A memo "Counterinsurgency (COIN) Training Guidance" dtd 27 Jul 2010 (New)**
- **(U) Afghanistan Counterinsurgency Mission Task List Workshop, 23 Jul 2010, Fort Leavenworth, KS**
- **(U) Counterinsurgency Shura, 08-09 Aug 2010, Kabul, AFG**
- **(U) COMISAF/USFOR-A COIN Qualification Standards for Afghanistan dtd 27 Aug 2010**

# *Requirements (U)*

- **Service directed individual tasks**
- **Unit specific Core Mission Essential Task List (C-METL)**
- **Directed Mission Essential Task List (D-METL)**
- **USCENTCOM Theater-Entry Requirements**
- **Combined Joint Operation Area (CJOA) directed pre-deployment training**

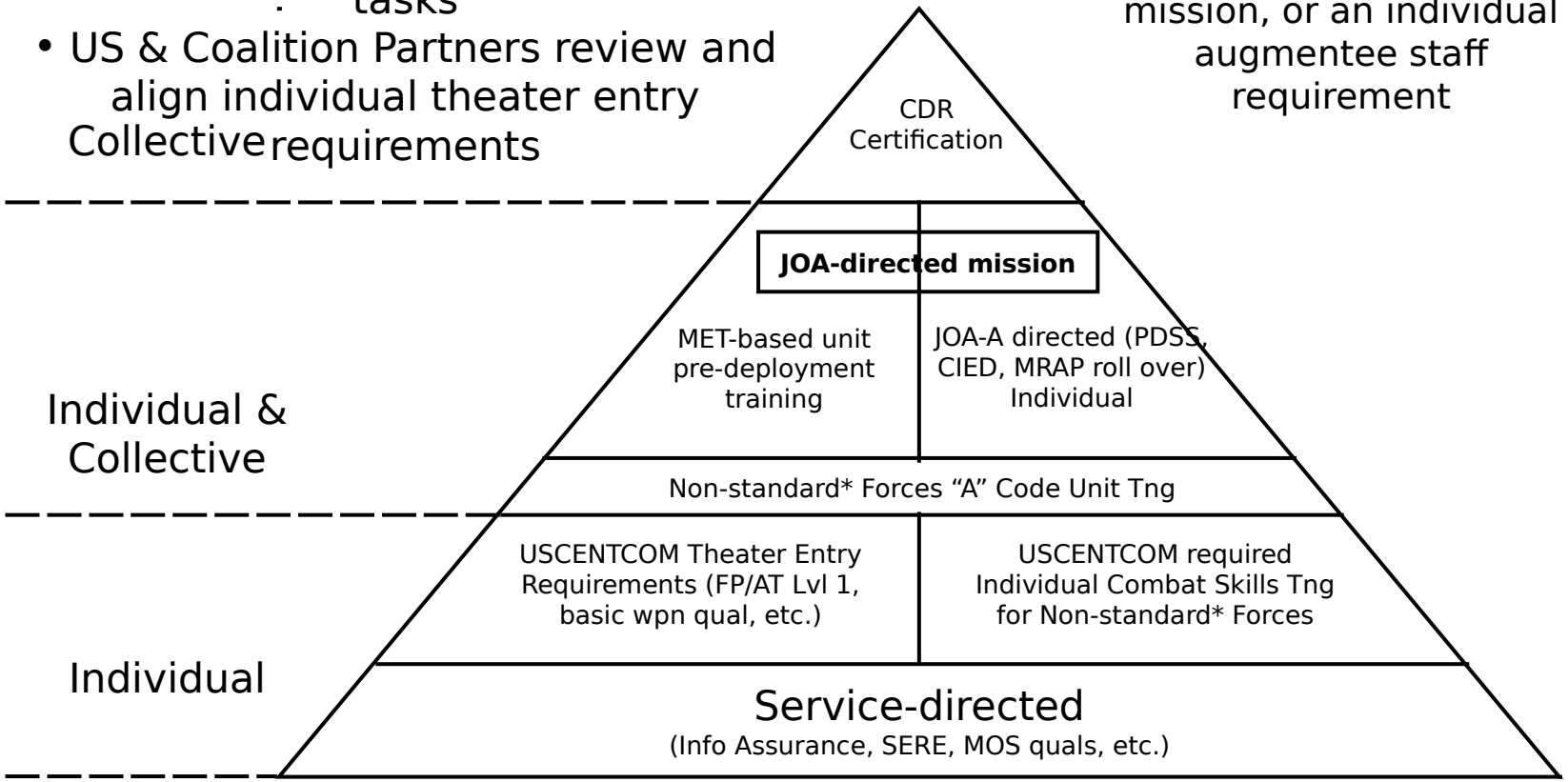
# Challenges (U)

- (U) Minimal level of counterinsurgency understanding and pre-deployment training
- (U) Counterterrorism to Counterinsurgency paradigm
- (U) Mindset drives the training and operations
- (U) Theory and practical implementation
- (U) The sheer number of requirements and multiple sources

# Identified Training Focus Areas (U)

- Educate COIN Fundamentals
- Strengthen COIN collective training tasks
- US & Coalition Partners review and align individual theater entry requirements

* Non-standard forces are a joint sourced solution for a joint capability, an in-lieu-of unit, an ad-hoc mission, or an individual augmentee staff requirement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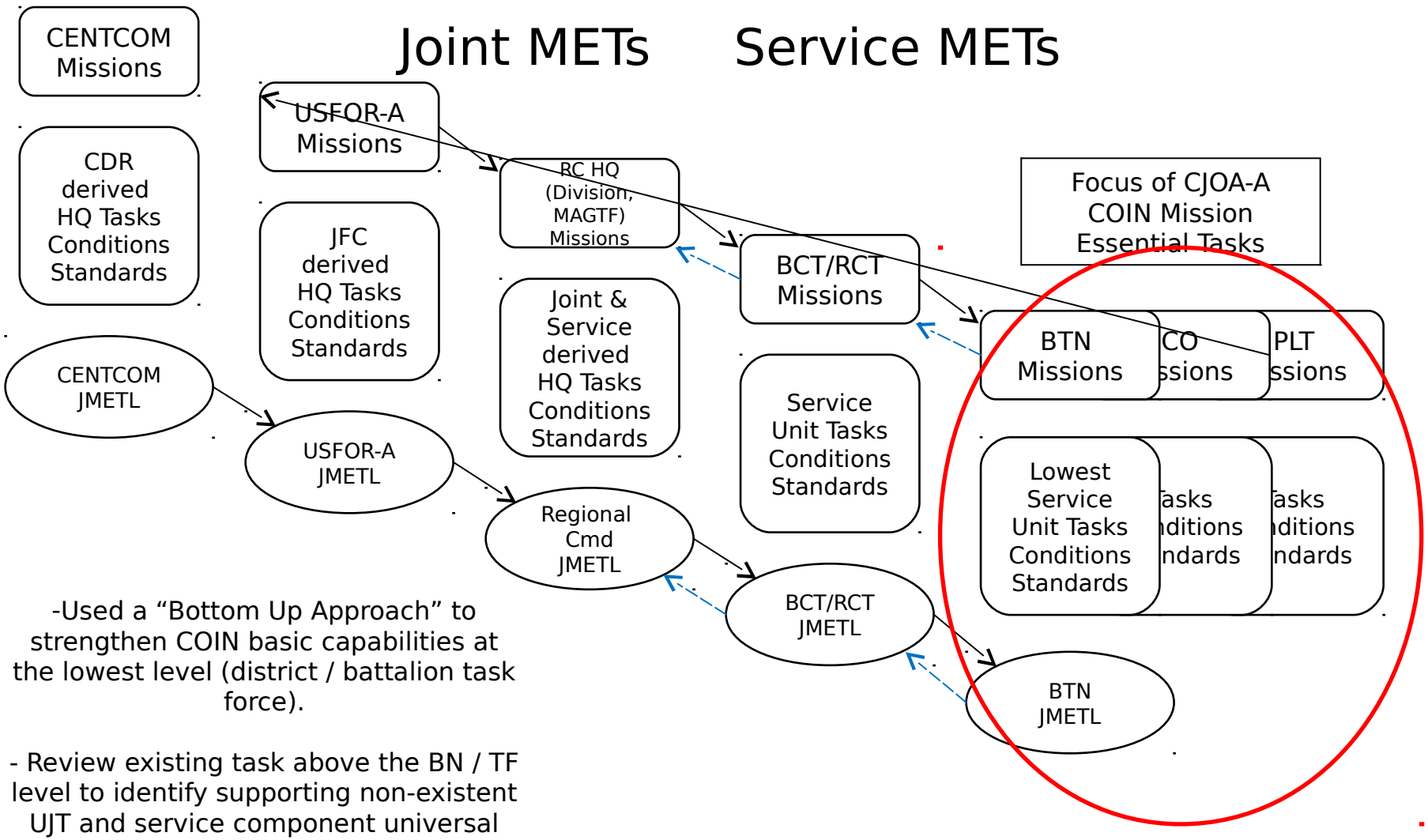
# "Bottom Up Approach" (U)




-Used a "Bottom Up Approach" to strengthen COIN basic capabilities at the lowest level (district / battalion task force).

- Review existing task above the BN / TF level to identify supporting non-existent UJT and service component universal tasks.

# Road to Deployment (U)

MONTHS

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

Service Specific Individual Requirements

Unit Core Mission Essential Tasks

Unit Directed Mission Essential Tasks

CENTCOM Theater Entry Training Requirements

CJOA Directed Pre-deployment Training

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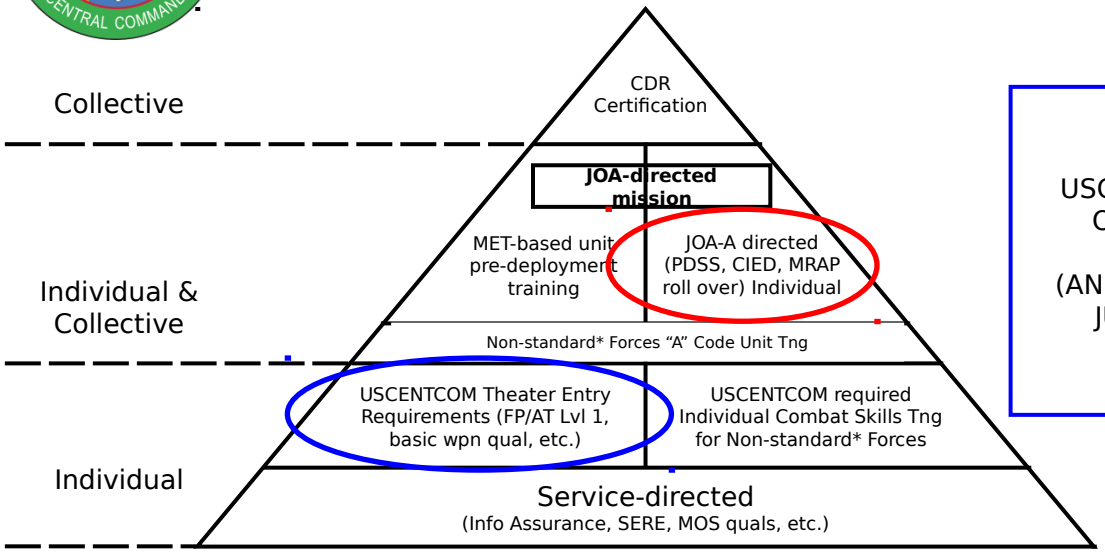
# COIN Qualification Standards for CJOA-A (U)

1. Receive Individual Afghan Specific COIN Education
2. Understand the Operational Environment (OE)
3. Conduct Relief in Place (RIP)
4. Conduct Decentralized Operations
5. Partner with Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF)
6. Conduct Information Operations (IO)
7. Create Conditions for Stability
8. Conduct Detainee Operations
9. Develop a Learning Organization

# Way Ahead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Other Directives / Recommendations

**2010**

| **August** | **September** | **October** |
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| 31 AUG 10 Identify Directorate / Staff Section / Component Point of Contacts | 17 SEP 10 CENTCOM J7 Publishes All Known Pre-Deployment Training Requirements for POC Review | 12 – 15 OCT 10 Conduct Pre-Deployment Training Workshop with POCs (Qatar) |

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- USFOR-A
- ODRP
- SOCCENT

**Endstate Publish CENTCOM Single Source Pre-Deployment Training Requirements for CENTCOM AOR**

# *Summary (U)*

- **(U) Taking a tiered approach from individual to collective**
- **(U) Educate the force, then reinforce through application during pre-deployment training**
- **(U)  Ties SECDEF guidance to COM ISAF guidance**
- **(U) Articulates (highlights) the most contentious or most pressing**

# *QUESTIONS?*